



AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "SOCIAL WORK" TO CLARIFY THAT THE TERM INCLUDES THE USE OF DIAGNOSES AND ADMINISTERING, EVALUATING, AND ASSESSING TESTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-22-102, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 37-22-102, MCA, is amended to read:

**"37-22-102. Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Board" means the board of social work examiners and professional counselors established under 2-15-1744.
- (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industry.
- (3) "Licensee" means a person licensed under this chapter.
- (4) "Psychotherapy" means the use of psychosocial methods within a professional relationship to assist a person to achieve a better psychosocial adaptation and to modify internal and external conditions that affect individuals, groups, or families in respect to behavior, emotions, and thinking concerning their interpersonal processes.
- (5) "Social work" means the professional practice directed toward helping people achieve more adequate, satisfying, and productive social adjustments. The practice of social work involves special knowledge of social resources, human capabilities, and the roles that individual motivation and social influences play in determining behavior and involves diagnoses and the application of social work techniques, including:
  - (a) counseling and using psychotherapy with individuals, families, or groups;
  - (b) providing information and referral services;
  - (c) providing, arranging, or supervising the provision of social services;
  - (d) explaining and interpreting the psychosocial aspects in the situations of individuals, families, or groups;
  - (e) helping communities to organize to provide or improve social and health services; ~~and~~

(f) research or teaching related to social work; and

(g) administering, evaluating, and assessing tests if the licensee is qualified to administer the test and make the evaluation and assessment."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0530, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY E. ARNTZEN

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